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Katsuyuki Sekine et al.)
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Application No.: 10/785,074) Group Art Unit: 2823
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Filed: February 25, 2004) Examiner: W. M. Brewster
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND) Confirmation No.: 8935
MANUFACTURING METHOD)
THEREOF)

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e) and is being filed in addition to the IDS filed on February 25, 2004.

Each document listed in this IDS was first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") mailed January 31, 2006, from the Japanese Patent Office in a

counterpart foreign application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 and returning the form in the next communication from the Office.

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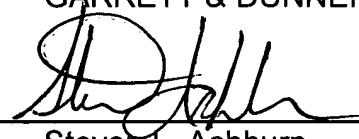
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